

**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Lancaster**

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Date: September 13, 2016

To: Mayor Parris and City Council Members

From: Lee D'Errico, Director of Public Safety

Subject: **Grant Appropriation for the 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)**

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**Recommendation:**

Approve appropriations for the 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$68,883 to expense account number 399-4820-776 and to revenue account number 399-3308-216.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This grant will be funded by the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

**Summary:**

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) will allow states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. The JAG purpose areas are:

- Law Enforcement programs
- Prosecution and court programs
- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community corrections programs
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs

The JAG Grant funds can be used in any of the five purposed areas to pay for personnel, prevention and education programs, rent, and supplies. The City will utilize the JAG funds for the Community Support and Good Citizenship Program. The Good Citizenship Program will provide alternative diversion programs for first time juvenile misdemeanor offenders who have committed a misdemeanor crime. The Community Support and Good Citizenship Program will give first time offenders the opportunity to keep misdemeanor convictions off of their criminal record, ensure sufficient punishment to deter future crime, as well as ensure restitution to victims and the community.